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ASUM CENTRAL BOARD OPPOSES STUDENT, STATE FUNDING OF FOOTBALL

MISSOULA--

By a vote of 17-3, Central Board, the student governing body of the Associated Students of the University of Montana in Missoula, passed a resolution Wednesday stating that ASUM won't allocate any of the UM student activity fee for intercollegiate football and "will oppose any state funding of the team."

Carolyn Kay Hahn, Fort Peck, off-campus Central Board delegate, said a copy of the resolution, introduced at the Wednesday night board meeting by Ellen Anderson, Malta, a former on-campus delegate to the board, "will be sent to the State Legislature."

Stating that "the football budget is a drain on potential academic monies, and the cost does not justify the gain received from the football program," the resolution/^{introduced}by Anderson and passed by Central Board indicates that the board will continue financial support for intramurals and other recreational programs offered to the UM student body.

In a footnote, the resolution says that "up to \$100,000 was channeled from the UM General Fund into the Athletic Department (for the current academic year) to cover a deficit caused by the student government's refusal to allocate activity fee money to the department."

"Although this money did not all go to the football team we contend that the Athletic Department would not have had to face the deficit if UM had no football team. The General Fund money could then go to various academic needs instead," the footnote concludes.

The resolution indicates that money could be better spent at UM for faculty, the library, and research items and equipment, rather than on intercollegiate football.

A committee to be established at the direction of the resolution is scheduled "to research the role of intercollegiate athletics" at UM and report to Central Board before the end of the month.

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